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Good afternoon, RLT:

In an effort to move the agency toward a more sustainable infrastructure, a formal request for FY19/20 Decommissioning and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) was sent out on August 24th with a reply due of September 20. The objective of this is to identify assets that are no longer needed and aggressively decommission them, and invest in those assets with the highest priority needed to deliver our mission. Thank you for your units' great work at the end of an active fiscal year and during an active fire, field, and construction season.

Led by Engineering, Region 6 did a tremendous job on integrating and responding to this request. We have many critical infrastructure needs and we continue to have to make choices on where the limited dollars may go. As you can see from the listing below and the attachments, we submitted many projects for consideration in the national competition, with urgent needs identified in all categories. In addition to providing the submissions noted in all six project categories, we also sent the complete lists of R6 project proposals to illustrate the more complete Regional infrastructure story.

For your information and transparency, attached are the briefing papers and lists of projects submitted to the WO; please note the criteria for submittals varied by subcategory. Engineering led six integrated RO teams among Engineering, Recreation, Natural Resources, and Fire for this call for projects in the following categories:

1. FY19/20 Major Bridge and Road Projects – The Region received 177 proposals from all 17 units, totaling more than \$77.7 million. Using the National Priority Criteria and applying additional Regional Criteria, the Regional Interdisciplinary Team was able to narrow the final selection to 16 projects, totaling \$6.4 million and leveraging over \$3.9 million from other funding sources. Region 6 proposes funding for projects across the two state area that invest in the Region's transportation infrastructure through stabilization, repair, and reconstruction of critical bridges and roads needed for recreation access, economic generation, and community connectivity. Projects proposed also address important restoration needed for critical stream and riparian habitats, priority watersheds, and wildlife connectivity and would allow us to move towards implementation of our minimum road system and reduction of deferred maintenance.
2. FY19/23 Dam Safety Compliance, Repair and Decommissioning – We have reviewed the portfolio of dams and have prioritized the remaining compliance work considering risk, and submitted the spreadsheet consisting of Dam Safety Compliance Projects (FY19 request of \$170,000), and Decommissioning and Repairs Projects (total of \$2,650,000) for FY19-23. The spreadsheet demonstrates how we plan to get known High Hazard and Significant Hazard into compliance by FY22, and Regional Priorities are provided for Decommissioning and Repair Projects, based on the current understanding of project risk, cost, and environmental clearances. The funds and staff to operate, maintain, and complete all compliance items in the future, is fully supported.